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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A device for facilitating remote bidding in a declining price auction, comprising:

a communications module that facilitates communication between the remote location and a declining price auction site;

a remote clock module that utilizes information regarding an auction clock at the declining price auction site and determines a desired timing difference between a remote clock and ~~an~~ the auction clock at the declining price auction site and controls operation of the remote clock to precede the clock at the declining price auction site; and

a bid selector module that allows the remote purchaser to communicate an intention to purchase an item at a selected price, a signal generated by the device including information regarding the desired purchase price of the remote purchaser.

18. (Original) The device of claim 17, wherein the clock module utilizes a synchronization time stamp provided by the auction site and a start delay variable that is indicative of an expected communication processing delay between the remote location and the auction site.

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19. (Original) The device of claim 17, wherein the communications module facilitates communicating the purchaser's desired purchase price to the auction site prior to a time when the clock at the auction site reaches the desired purchase price.

20. (Original) The device of claim 17, including a display portion that displays a visual indication of the remote auction clock, information regarding a currently offered product and selectively displays information regarding other products to be offered at the auction site.

21. (Original) The device of claim 17, including a bid carrying function that permits a remote purchaser to have a selected bid be carried over during the auction cycle to a subsequently reached purchase price in the event that a desired purchase price is not accepted at the auction site.